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The waning of the Cleveland boom is convincing proof that the sucker fishing is not good this year.

Thoughtful observers doubtless noted that Mr. Hanna's graceful back down was in response to a request.

It is pretty safe to say that there will be another coal strike this year if President Baer figures out that it will pay him.

Perhaps Mr. Machen is also in a position to do a little in the line of pulling down republican temple pillars if pressed to it.

The indications are that the men who are whitewashing the White house dome will be called off and set to work in the postal department.

"Speak softly and carry a big stick" is a favorite expression with President Roosevelt, but it will be remembered that he used a telegram in the Ohio case.

Uncle Chauncey Depew has rushed to the rescue of the rich men. As a rescue rusher it must be cheerfully admitted that Uncle Chauncey earns his salary.

The "Pennsylvania idea" is being roundly denounced by a lot of newspapers that commended the government for putting the same idea into force in the Philippines.

"Has Roosevelt profited by the trip?" queries the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Post. The Post should not be so premature. It should wait until delegate noses are counted in 1904.

The press reports tell us that Mr. Hanna and Mr. Foraker walked arm in arm down the convention hall aisles. Probably each was afraid to let the other's arm swing free.

The chief difference between the democratic mayor of Dwight who says he will support Roosevelt and the saluting horse of Cheyenne is that the horse does not know any better.

Every trust in the country is echoing Mr. Hanna's campaign cry of "Hands off!" Mr. Hanna's campaign cries seem always acceptable to the men who profit by legislative graft.

Ohio is 100 years old, which gives considerable grounds for hoping that she is old enough to know better than to submit to a Myron T. Herricking at the hands of Mr. Hanna.

The postoffice department says it will make "a unique exhibit" at the St. Louis exposition. Is it possible that the department contemplates showing a postoffice hoodler in stripes?

The French monarch who marched his men up the hill and then marched them down again set a very good example for the Ohio gentleman who so gracefully backed water on the Roosevelt indorsement resolution.

Mr. Baer does not know just when the next coal strike will occur, not knowing just how much the miners will stand before rebelling.

Mr. Tulloch is proceeding in a way calculated to earn for him the hearty dislike of the gentlemen who regard public office as a private snap.

Wisconsin republicans are so busy throwing bricks at each other that they have no time to devote to the work of assisting the reorganizers in republicanizing the democratic party.

The Mississippi river seems determined to convince those "engineers" that their levee system is a dismal failure in every respect save providing easy money for political favorites.

The country is waiting to hear the president rebuke those postal thieves with something like the severity he exhibited when he rebuked the impetuous youth who shouted "Hello, Teddy!"

It is quite evident that Governor Pennypacker will have to establish a Philippine sort of government in Pennsylvania before he can make that anti-cartoon law work as he wants it to work.

Whenever there is any disturbance in a republic it gives rise to a criticism of the form of government; when it happens in a monarchy it is not regarded as possessing political significance.

Now that the president is home from his campaign tour he might with profit to himself compare the expansion secured under Thomas Jefferson with the expansion practiced by the g. o. p.

As a wedding present Miss Ruth Hanna received a gold coffee set from President Roosevelt. It will be remembered that Miss Ruth's father received a settler from the president several days ago.

Those people who are wondering what Kansas City will do to repair the damage caused by the flood do not know Kansas City. It will take something more than a deluge to destroy the spirit of Kansas City.

With marriages between senators' sons and trusts magnates' daughters, and vice versa, this thing of the senate looking after the trusts and the trusts taking care of the senators is becoming a regular family matter.

In a recent issue of *The Commoner* Joseph W. Folk was referred to as city attorney of St. Louis. This was an error, as Mr. Folk is circuit attorney of St. Louis. Thomas L. Anderson is city attorney of that city.

"Pennsylvania is a little better than any other state," remarked Governor Pennypacker the other day. This enables people to understand why Pennypacker dreaded to have the newspapers of Pennsylvania tell the truth about him.

The Chicago Chronicle has reached the point of denouncing as "lawless" organizations of employees and commending as "honest" associations of employers. The Chronicle is getting more careless of its democratic mask every day.

Up to date Rudyard Kipling has refrained from grinding out a lot of remarks concerning the Manchurian situation. This may explain why Rudyard Kipling is higher in the favor of the reading public than A. Jeremiah Beveridge.

Belleville, Ill., is the scene of the latest negro burning bee. The g. o. p. organs of that state will have to do a terrific lot of howling about the woes of the southern negroes if they would keep public attention away from the Belleville affair.

If the Richmond Times-Dispatch thinks that *The Commoner* is severe in its criticism of the reorganizers, the editor of the Times-Dispatch ought to read the Norfolk Va.-Pilot. The V.-P. strikes from the shoulder, and every blow counts.

Filipino bands are allowed to play the "Aguinaldo March" provided they immediately follow it with "Star Spangled Banner." The carpet-bag government of the Philippines is doing its best to prove to the Filipinos its superior wisdom.

With a trust advocate addressing the students of Minnesota, and an apostle of brute force advising the students of Nebraska, there is no lack of republican campaign thunder, even when the people have reason to expect something educational.

Having escaped by threatening to tear down the pillars of the republican temple Mr. Estes G. Rathbone should call those indicted postal officials to one side and give them a few pointers.

A subscriber asks for a poem written by Joaquin Miller in which occur the words, "There was work to be done, there was death in the air." If any reader of *The Commoner* has a copy of the poem mentioned and will send it to the publisher, it will be forwarded.

The governor of New Jersey has cancelled the charters of about seven hundred corporations because they neglected to pay their annual tithes to the state. The only wicked corporation in New Jersey is the one that fails to come up to the cashier's desk promptly.

The fact that the Philippine government is about to sell the opium monopoly to the highest bidder should create some interest in the Des Moines congressional district. President Hull of the Philippine Lumber and Development company still holds a position enabling him to get in on the inside.

The editor of *The Commoner* is in receipt of numerous inquiries in regard to the good roads movement. All desiring information on this subject are invited to communicate with W. H. Moore, 140 La Clede Building, St. Louis, Mo. He is president of the National Good Roads association and is prepared to furnish literature or answer questions respecting the matter.

The Troy Press has rushed to the rescue of Rockefeller, and not only defends the manner in which he has managed the Standard Oil company, but sees no reason why churches and colleges should not welcome contributions from him. And yet of course the Press will insist that the republican party ought to denounce the trusts and promise to protect the country from them.

A reader of *The Commoner* asks for the author and the words of the poem containing the lines—

"Give me three grains of corn, mother,  
Only three grains of corn."

If some reader of *The Commoner* will oblige the inquirer by giving the name of the author and sending in a copy of the poem, it will be reproduced in this paper.

A London dispatch to the New York World says that the World's correspondent has learned from "the highest authority that under J. Pierpont Morgan's will all his collections of art and treasures will pass to the American nation, and not to his son." This, it is added, "may form the basis of an agreement under which the collection may be brought into the United States duty free." If Mr. Morgan will bring them in and pay the duty on them, the government will collect enough money to buy an art collection of its own.

The New York World has outlined its harmony program. It says in substance that the way to get together is for the advocates of the Kansas City platform to discard those planks which are objectionable to the gold democrats. The only difficulty about this plan, however, is that the large majority who have been voting the ticket are asked to make all the surrender and the men who have been bolting the ticket are to have the making of the platform. This arrangement would be entirely satisfactory if it were not objectionable, and it would not be objectionable were it not undemocratic. It will be many years before the loyal democrats will allow their platform to be written by the disloyal ones and their campaign to be led by republicans in disguise.

It seems that the letters sent out by the National City bank of New York to the holders of bonds were mailed from Washington. Secretary Shaw received from other banks complaints against the apparent partiality shown the National City bank, and it is said that he excused himself by saying that he had not published the names of the holders of the bonds, that the National City bank paid the clerks for addressing the letters and paid the postage used, and that the same courtesy would be accorded to the other banks. As the other banks did not know that such a courtesy would be extended, and as it would be impossible for the government to furnish such privileges to all the banks in the United States without stopping the ordinary work of the treasury department, it is evident that the National City bank has the inside track.